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Thanks

- .. To those people who have placed orders for dodopuzzles – still two more weeks to get your order in (let us know if you have lost your order form).
- .. To those parents who attended this week's year 7 and 8 information discussion. Mr D remains available to any parents seeking information or answers to questions.
- .. To those parents transporting children and exhibits to next week's Science and Technology Fair.
- .. To those parents who supported our Scholastic Book Fair.
- .. To those who took the time to share our weekly road safety blurb with their children at home.

People of the Week

- .. Our senior debating teams for valiant performances against Bream Bay College this week .. our year 7 team achieved first place .. our year 8 team did a great job but didn't quite pull out a win.
- .. Hazza - Tackler of the Week - JB1 Kamo White Rugby last week
- .. Those kids working hard at home and school on the OBEDIENCE virtue. Please let us know of special gains so we can celebrate these through the newsletter.

Good Luck

- .. To those children representing us next week at the Regional Science and Technology Fair.

Maori Liaison Person

Maori families are reminded that Toni Pivac is the school's Maori Liaison Person. Should you wish to communicate with the school or Board on any matter Toni is more than happy to be contacted if she can be of assistance. Toni can be contacted on 4335116 or 0211737221.

Talent Showcase

- .. coming up in the final week of term. Please encourage your child(ren) to enter auditions .. dance, singing, playing an instrument, telling jokes etc. And don't forget to pencil in the evening of 26.9 ... these evenings are loads of fun.

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.

- 26 August - Regional Science Fair Week
- 27 August - Seniors visit the Regional Fair
- 27 August - Room 2,3 and 4 trip to Kiwi North / Maunu Museum
- 28 August - Room 5,6 and 7 trip Kiwi North / Maunu Museum
- 28 August - Seniors to W.G.H.S. for outdoor education experience
- 6 September - Mathex
- 10 September - Choir Festival
- 16 September - AIMS Games
- 25 September - Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi
- 26 September - Talent Showcase
- 27 September - Final day of term

Regional Science and Technology Fair

Participants (and their parents) are reminded that ..

.. exhibits must be set up in the Forum North Exhibition Hall by 11:00 AM on Monday, and
.. need to be collected between 5 and 6pm on Thursday 29th by parents - otherwise they will be thrown out.
.. children receiving prizes will be advised prior and the Prize Giving will be held on the Tuesday night in the Capitaine Bougainville Theatre .. please be seated by 6:50 PM.

.. our students representatives will be attending on the Monday (and visiting with their classes on the Tuesday afternoon)

.. representative students have passes to go to lunch in town on the Monday ... subject to the consent of parents .. please send enough money along to purchase their lunch.

IMPORTANT : *if you do not consent to your child going into town for lunch please advise Mr D or Mrs Donaldson on Monday morning.*

Parents are advised that exhibits can be viewed on the Tuesday 8:30 AM to 6:45 PM and then after prize giving until 9:00 PM.

Years 6, 7 and 8 visit to Science Fair - Tuesday 27.8

.. if you have not already done so please return consents and bus fares to school on Monday. Thank you.

Year 7 and 8 Students - Smugglers Bay - 28.8

Thank you to those parents who have very generously offered to assist with transport to this event. Parents are asked to note that students will need to depart school no later than 7:45 AM and so please ensure they are well prepared for this earlier than normal departure. Details were sent out this week ... please contact Mr D or Mrs Donaldson with any questions.

High School Enrolments

Correct placement at year 9 can be crucial to later success. Parents with questions relating to high school enrolments (any high school) are welcome to contact Mr D on sdelemare@matarau.school.nz. ... As part of the service we offer to our year 8's Mr D will remain interested and involved in this process right through to confirmation of placements. Our goal is always the best possible placement for each child.

PMP Helpers Wanted

1.30-3.00 Tuesday's and Wednesday's every week or on a casual basis. If you can help please contact Rachael Robertson or the Office.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 24th October 2013

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2013. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

If you would like your child to have a lamb to train & bring to calf club please contact the office as we may have a contact for someone who does this.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



Please do not bring pregnant animals or newborns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 14th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.

There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz or Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.



This year the cakes will be for sale again, sausage sizzle and stalls with Christmas gifts for sale so remember to bring along cash and support these people as it also helps the school. If anyone would be interested in having a stall on the day please contact Cassandra on 4335968.



Attendance at After School Labs

Please advise the office on the morning in question (or leave a voice message) if your child will not be at either of the Monday or Thursday labs.

Junior School Trip - 27 & 28 August

Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are going on a trip to the museum next week for our topic "NZ Life 100 years ago" (Rooms 2,3 and 4 on Tuesday / Rooms 5,6 and 7 on Wednesday). We are keen for children to dress up in that era on the day of their visit. Any questions to your class teacher please...

Wanted

Room 6 is currently seeking buttons of assorted sizes and colours. If able to help please send your surplus buttons to school.

Choir

The Choir Festival will be held at Forum North on the evenings of 10th and 11th September. Information on ticket sales was sent home this week with choir children but, of course, all families are invited to attend. Tickets cost \$8 and can be purchased from Forum North or their website (under 2's free).

International schools Maths and English papers

Please return practice papers promptly so these can be made available to other students in future years ... still quite a few to come back.

Safer Journeys .. staying safe near roads and railways

Over coming weeks we will be sharing various facets of road safety with children. We feel the best way to do this is ..

.. a little at a time .. with revision of earlier points as the programme unfolds
.. with the same material being discussed by parents at home.

So .. please discuss the following with your children next week (we will do the same at school). It is also highly important to do the practice exercises with them



THIS WEEK .. TRAVELLING BY CAR .. discuss ..

1. Get in and out on the footpath side of the car.
 2. Sit in the back seat where possible
 3. Always wear a safety belt or sit in a fastened child restraint
 4. Do not distract the driver
 5. Keep hands and legs inside the car
 6. Wait until the car has stopped before taking off the safety belt
 7. Look out for pedestrians and cyclists when opening the door
- You may need to personalise these guidelines to your child's circumstance.



Dodopuzzles

Currently 3 dinosaur models are available but additional and more complicated models will be available down the track. These make great Christmas and birthday presents and so you might like to stock up on a few. We are selling these at the very low price of \$10 per model .. selling for \$20 in the shops. From each sale the school receives \$3.50 which we will use to buy special things for our library. So .. no pressure ... but if you can, please support this fund-raising effort. These are truly good value and a purchase now entitles you to discounts on future purchases.

Please note that order forms are due back at school by 6 September. Models are available for viewing in classrooms and in the school office.

Finally ..

If you wonder where your child left his roller skates, try walking around the house in the dark.
~Leopold Fechtner

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maungatapere Community Market - To be held at the Maungatapere Hall, Sunday 25th August, 10am – 2pm. Hope to see you there!!! Enquiries: Sue Anson 0212047281

Calf Rearing Gear - second hand Calf rearing gear for sale - Suitable for small lifestyle block - Feeders (x4) - Meal Troughs (x2) - Calf Covers (x3) - \$200 Call 027 2812950 for more information

Orchid Flowers for Sale – Mini cymbidiums 12 Stems box \$20; 6 stems box \$12. Phone Gary 435 2848.



Firewood for Sale – Totara, \$80 a metre (min 2 metres) delivered. This is fundraising for a hockey tournament for Northland U13 reps to travel to Rotorua. Please contact Brad Martin on 433 5061 or 0274810450

School Holiday Golf Northland Golf Club will be running several 'Introductory Golf Days' over the school holidays to give your child a taste of what Golf is all about! When - Primary Age - 1/10/13 and 03/10/13; Intermediates - 30/09/13 & 02/10/13; Time: 9am - 3:00pm; Cost: \$30 each; Contact Matt Davis 022 105 8750; or email - matthewdavis_1@hotmail.com

House for Rent - 3 bedroom, Pullin Rd Purua - Sun drenched - Quality rural home in great farming community. \$200/ week references and bond required. Phone Glen on 0272725494 for further details

Wanted – Second hand WBHS blazer (Number 1) wanted. Contact Shirley – on 021 1152 138 or 433 5513

School Fundraiser – Saturday 24th, 10.30am – 2.30pm
Sausage Sizzle at the RD1 *Calf Rearing Best Practice* in-store day. Come along and support Mandy Brooker and her team of cooks from Matarau School.

See what RD1 have on offer - face painting, live animal displays, feeding animals, colouring in, AgDay packs and more.



School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince or Mince & Cheese Pie, Butter Chicken Wrap, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Mugeli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

